

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 3

DEEWR Question No. EW95_08

Senator Wortley asked on 20 February 2008, DEEWR Proof Hansard page 79.

Question

Removal of Full Fee paying places

Senator MASON—Ms Paul, what percentage is that, however, of the income derived from students? Do we know?

Answer

- Tuition fees charged to domestic undergraduate fee paying students at Table A providers (public universities, the Australian Maritime College and Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education) in 2006 (the latest full year for which data is available), as reported through the student data collection, were 6.5% of the total amount charged to domestic undergraduate students.
- Tuition fees charged includes fees for employer reserved places and summer school units.
- The total amount charged to domestic undergraduate students is the amount charged as reported through the student data collection in tuition fees (for fee paying students) and student contributions (for Commonwealth supported students). The amounts charged may have been paid to the provider by the student or another person on their behalf or by the Australian Government through a FEE-HELP or HECS-HELP payment to the provider.
- Universities also receive funding for Commonwealth supported student places from the Australian Government under the Commonwealth Grant Scheme and other grants (such as the Higher Education Equity Support Programme).
- Tuition fees charged to domestic undergraduate fee paying students were around 2.8% of the total revenue for domestic undergraduate students if Commonwealth Grant Scheme funding is included.